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1. PER REFTTEL, AMBASSADOR IMMEDIATELY SENT TEXT OF AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S JAN 18 SPEECH TO GOY'S LOS DELEGATION CHIEF, FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL VICE PRES. DR. ANTON VRATUSA, AND HANDED ADDITIONAL COPY TO FSFA ASSTSEC (MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS) KOMATINA. ON EACH OCCASION, AMBASSADOR SOLICATED GOY'S CONSIDERED REACTION TO SPEECH.

2. WITH NEW YORK INTERSESSIONAL MEETING ALREADY CONCLUDING, EMBASSY HAS FINALLY RECEIVED RESPONSE FROM VRATUSA, THANKING AMBASSADOR FOR COMMUNICATION OF AMB. RICHARDSON'S REMARKS AND COMMENTING AS FOLLOWS:

3. BEGIN QUOTE: MAY I SAY ON BEHALF OF THE YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT THAT I FULLY AGREE WITH AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON'S
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REMARKS CONCERNING THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTACTS BETWEEN DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATING AT THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA. AS A MATTER OF FACT WE HAVE BEEN PRACTICING IN YUGOSLAVIA REGULAR CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS IN THIS RESPECT. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT DISCUSSIONS CAN SIGNIFICANTLY CONTRIBUTE TO FURTHER MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND GETTING CLOSER THE VIEWS OF ALL

PARTIES CONCERNED.

4. MY COLLEAGUES AT THE FEDERAL SECRETARIAT FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MEMBERS OF THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION TO THE THIRD UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA WOULD BE PLEASED INDEED TO HAVE CONSULTATIONS WITH SOMEBODY YOU WOULD APPOINT HERE. ON THE OTHER SIDE, AMBASSADOR DR. ZVONKO PERISIC HAS LEFT FOR NEW YORK TO ATTEND THE INFORMAL INTERSESSIONAL CONSULTATIONS. I HOPE HE WILL PERSONALLY MEET AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON THERE. I ALSO HOPE I SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON IN THE NEAR FUTURE AND HAVE TALKS ON TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. END QUOTE.

5. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT MEMBERS OF USDEL IN NEW YORK WILL, IF INTERESTED, BY NOW HAVE HAD OCCASION TO CONSULT MORE CLOSELY WITH THEIR YUGOSLAV COUNTERPARTS. REGARDING FURTHER CONSULTATIONS, WE SUGGEST THAT IF YUGOSLAVS ARE DEEMED SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT ACTORS IN LOS CONTEXT TO WARRANT IT, LOS BE INCLUDED AMONG AGENDA ITEMS FOR DAY OR TWO OF INTENSIV US-YUGOSLAV CONSULTATIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES PROPOSED FOR LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL IN THE DEPARTMENT. IF THERE IS INTEREST IN THE FOREGOING, PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP SO THAT WE MAY EXPLORE POSSIBILITY WITH YUGOSLAVS. EAGLEBURGER

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